

St. Lucie County would like your help in cleaning up our neighborhoods. Homes requiring maintenance may result in property values falling, encourages crime, and increase vandalism.

In order to assist homeowners in maintaining neighborhoods, St. Lucie County has created County Codes and Ordinances. The County Codes help to protect the health, safety, welfare and other interests of our citizens.

We have found most people violate our County codes because they are not aware of the codes. The codes listed below are not worded exactly as our ordinance is written, but have been modified to help make them easier for you to understand and follow. Please review this information and if you have any specific questions call our offices Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 am & 5 pm at (561) 462-1571.

JUNK, TRASH, DEBRIS AND OUTSIDE STORAGE ITEMS



Junk, trash, and debris cannot be left in the yard and must be disposed of properly. Outside storage items such as furniture, appliances, tools, blocks, aluminum cans, building materials, auto parts, etc. must be stored in a fully enclosed building or screened from public view. Carports are not considered enclosed buildings.

Items such as BBQ grills, lawnmowers, bicycles and kids items may be stored under carports or in the rear of property.

UNSERVICEABLE / INOPERATIVE VEHICLES



Any vehicle that is parked or stored on a property must be operable. A vehicle does not have to be tagged to remain on a property. Vehicles on jacks, with flat tires, missing engine parts, etc. are not operable.

Vehicles cannot be left on jacks or jack stands because they become a safety hazard to the surrounding community and children.

HOUSE NUMBERS

House numbers are to be visible from the street and must be 4 inches high. House numbers are important because they allow emergency services to locate your home easily.

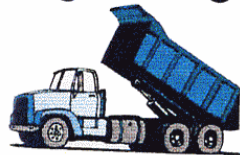
BUILDING WITHOUT A PERMIT / UNSAFE STRUCTURES



Building Permits are needed for a number of things such as: roofs, remodeling, fences, sheds, large playhouses, new structures, signs, etc. When starting a new project or just making repairs it is a good idea to call The St. Lucie County Permitting Department to see if a permit is required. Building without a permit can result in double permit fees and Stop Work Order fines.

Property owners with homes that are vacant, for sale or for rent must keep the property maintained. Broken windows should be secured by replacing them or boarding them shut. All doors should be kept closed and locked.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES



A common question is "What is a commercial vehicle?" A commercial vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight of 10,000 lbs. or more or has Dual Axles. Commercial vehicles cannot be parked or stored in any residential zone. Heavy equipment such as front end loaders, back-hoes, etc. also fall under the listing of commercial/heavy equipment. These vehicles can only be parked or stored in commercial, industrial, or agricultural zones. Citrus related equipment such as goats, hauling trucks, etc. are also considered commercial vehicles and should not be parked or stored in a residential zone. Vans, pick-up trucks, etc. are not considered commercial vehicles when there is writing or advertising on the vehicle.



If you receive a Notice Of Violation and have any questions please contact our offices at (561) 462-1571 Monday thru Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm. On behalf of St. Lucie County we would like to extend our appreciation for your cooperation.